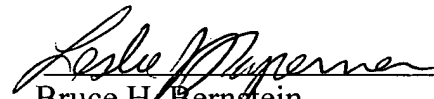


REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 15 and 16 have been amended to delete multiple dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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